[Mr. C. P. Tarakan.]

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Director of Agriculture has recommended to the Government the promotion to the higher grade of all the present employés in that department who are subjected to such inequality of treatment, and, if so, whether it is not clear that all of them possess the same educational qualification as those in the higher grade?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government do not accept the assumption that, in general, the initial salary of officers having the same educational qualifications in one and the same department is uniform. The pay given to a person depends on the pay of the post to which he is appointed. The same initial salary can be given only if all the appointments in the department belong to a single *cadre* having the same scale of pay.

(*b*) There is no cause for discontent as the persons are at liberty to decline the appointments offered.

(*c*) Yes. This could not be done as there were no vacancies and the Government were not prepared to create new posts for the sake of the men.

Circle Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department.

303. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they consider it a desirable policy to appoint some Sub-Inspectors in the Agricultural Department with independent powers, while some others have been appointed under the Circle Inspectors?

(*b*) In view of the need for the introduction of uniformity in administration, will the Government be pleased either to appoint Circle Inspectors in all parts of the State and to place all the Sub-Inspectors under them or to do away with the Circle Inspectors as a class, appointing all officers with the proper educational qualifications in the same grade, with independent powers, on a salary of Rs. 50-150?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Two circles, *viz.*, Kottarakara and Alleppey, have been formed with well-defined jurisdiction and the officers in charge of these circles are given the powers of District Officers. The Sub-Inspectors who are in charge of institutions situated in other parts of the State are now directly under the control of the Director. The formation of more circles, as funds permit, will be considered.

Resolution of the Madras Agricultural Students' Union regarding Salaries in the Travancore Agricultural Department.

304. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Madras Agricultural Students' Union has passed a resolution and forwarded it to the Government praying that the scale of pay of the employés in the Travancore Agricultural Department, with proper educational qualifications, may be revised and made uniform?

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